last three years and original estimates for the current financial year 2000-2001 is given below:—

Fin. Year	Gross quantity (000 Tonnes)	Gross import Bill($ Million)
1997-98	57463	8074
1998-99	63580	6413
1999-2000	74423	12466
2000-01	93678	14253

Regulation of sale of Naptha and solvents

116. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to check the adulteration of diesel and petrol, Government have recently imposed restrictions on the sale, acquisition and storage of solvents and Naptha;

(b) whether it is also a fact that those engaged in the sale of Naptha and solvents shall file and enduse certificate from consumers and also furnish customer-wise sales to the District Magistrate or the State Civil Supplies Authorities on a quarterly basis; and

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in affirmative, what new authority Government have created to ensure its compliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) To check the use of naptha and solvents for the purpose of adulteration of the petroleum products, the Government have promulgated the Solvent, Raffinate and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobiles) Order, 2000 and the Naptha (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and Prevention of use in Automobiles) Order, 2000.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per the provision of the above Control Orders, is to be issued by the State Government or the District Magistrate or any other officers authorised by the Central or the State Government.